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House Armed Services Committee Bob Stump, Chairman

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STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN BOB STUMP ON THE VIEQUES TRAINING FACILITY DECISION

“I am disappointed with the decision on Vieques and believe it is a step in the wrong direction. The Vieques training range is an irreplaceable resource for our military, the loss of which would result in significant damage to the readiness of U.S. military forces.

“Furthermore, I am concerned that this decision appears to have been made without a full appreciation and understanding of the importance of realistic training to protecting the lives of American service members.

“In the coming weeks, the House Armed Services Committee will convene hearings to assess the impact of, and alternatives to, this decision.”

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